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Dear Director Wray, Acting Chief Pittman, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Gaston:

We write today regarding the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2020 and the subsequent calls for investigations into the breakdowns in security that led to an escalation of violence and the breach of the Capitol. In addition, there have been accusations that some Members of Congress were involved in leading “suspicious” tours of the Capitol complex in the days prior to January 6th, or of aiding the individuals that entered the Capitol that day.¹ The accusations are the subject of a letter sent by thirty-four Members of the House to the House Sergeant at Arms, Acting Senate Sergeant at Arms, and Acting Chief of Capitol Police.

It is our understanding that the accusations included in the letter have prompted an investigation into the validity of its claims. In our capacity as members of the Committee on House Administration, we are deeply concerned about the nature of the allegations, especially considering the lack of evidence that was given in support of the letter’s claims.²

In the interest of ensuring transparency and due process, we would like to request a confidential briefing in an appropriate setting to hear from the FBI, U.S. Attorney’s office and the Capitol Police about the status of any ongoing investigation in connection with this matter. It is extremely important that there be repercussions for anyone found responsible in connection with these serious allegations. We hope to gain more insight into what has unfolded with any

¹ Fordham, Evie. “Capitol Police Still Investigating Claims of Capitol ‘Reconnaissance’ Tours.” Fox News. FOX News Network, January 21, 2021. <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/capitol-police-reconnaissance-tours-january-investigation>.

² Cheney, Kyle, and Sarah Ferris. “Dems Demand Details of ‘Suspicious’ Capitol Visitors Day before Attack.” POLITICO. POLITICO, January 14, 2021. <https://www.politico.com/news/2021/01/12/mikie-sherrill-capitol-hill-attack-458655>.

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investigation thus far and continue to monitor its progress with a keen focus on a fair and unbiased process. We look forward to meeting.

Sincerely,



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